Officers on Deputation

816. DR Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the number of officials who are on deputation to the United Nations and other World Organisations, separately; and

(b) the criteria for selection of such officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Under the existing Government policy, powers for grant of cadre clearance for foreign assignment have been delegated to the respective cadre controlling authorities. The Department of Personnel and Training do not, therefore, centrally monitor information regarding officers belonging to various organised services of the Government of India and the State Governments and Public Sector undertakings, who go on foreign assignment.

(b) Government and Public Sector employees may secure UN/International assignments in the following manner :-

i) Nomination by the Government;

ii) Direct offer from an International Organisation/ foreign government due to past work;

iii) application made in response to open advertisement following the prescribed procedure; and

iv) by being picked up from the roster of an international organisation.

While nominating officers under category (i) above, for "captive" posts, selection is made according to the procedure prescribed under the Central Staffing Scheme of the Government of India. The aspects kept in mind in making the choice include educational qualifications, service experience and special training required for effective discharge of the duties related to the job. For other posts in the United Nations and other International organisations, nominations are made by the Government keeping in view the nature and importance of the post, the expertise available and other related considerations, Broad-based selection procedures are adopted for identifying the best and most suitable candidate for nomination.

Conference on Agricultural and Rural Reforms

817. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the recommendations made in the Conference on Agricultural and Rural Reforms held in Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, recently; and

(b) if so, the Government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Government does not ordinarily monitor, review or react on any conference or recommendation thereof until and unless the same is organised in collaboration or with financial assistance of the Government. The conference referred was neither held in collaboration, with participation nor with financial assistance of the Government nor even the recommendation has been sent by the organisers, and hence question of the Government's reaction in the whole matter does not arise at all.

Loan from World Bank

818. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged the world Bank to sanction a loan of Rs.2,500/ - crores to solve the drinking water problem in the flouride-affected and brackish areas in the State;

(b) if so, whether the State Government has approached the Union Government and submitted a report to the Centre to forward it to the World Bank;

(c) if so, whether the Centre has examined the report and has forwarded it to the World Bank;

(d) the time by which the World Bank propose to provide the loan; and

(e) whether the State Government has also provided the second instalment for the schemes, such as JRY and RDB, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The project report has been received only on 25.2.1997. This has to be examined and posed to the World Bank for consideration. Its approval will depend on the Bank's appraisal of the project.

(e) Yes, Sir. The State has provided the second instalment for the Rural Development Schemes including JRY.

Poorest of the Poor

819. SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to engage some community based organisations/NGOs to undertake house to house survey to find out the poorest of the poor;

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard;

(c) the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) the date by which such kind of survey is expected to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Indian Oil Corporation

820. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any plan to expand the activities of India Oil Corportion in West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[Translation]

Land Litigations

821. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of land litigation in which Delhi Development Authority is involved;

(b) the value of land involved in these Litigations; and

(c) whether any officer of the DDA has been held responsible for the encroachments made so far and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The Delhi Development Authority has reported that as per its records 2284 cases are pending in various courts against the land acquisition and encroachment on its land.

(b) The plaintiffs generally do not mention the extent of their land in litigation cases and only mention Khasra Number.

(c) Details of the action taken against the 23 defaulting officers during the last 5 years are as under :

S.No.	Nature of Action Taken	No. of employees against whom action taken
i)	Penalty imposed	11
ii)	Chargesheet for major penalty proceedings issued	13
iii)	Under suspension	04

[English]

Unauthorised Construction

822. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether a committee called Sewa Ram Committee had probed the reasons behind unauthorised construction and the committee had indicted local politicians in the sale of Government and gram sabha land;

(b) if so, whether the report will be made public;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action proposed to be taken by the Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The Committee was appointed by the Lt. Governor of Delhi which submitted its report to the Government of NCT of Delhi. The Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that according to the terms and reference the Committee was to enquire into the circumstances under which the alleged encroachments, unauthorised construction and colonies had sprung up, to recommend administrative and punitive action against Government functionaries found responsible for these acts and fix responsibility on colonisers and others in the alleged encroachments.

(b) and (c) According to Government of Delhi copies of the reports have been placed in the Library of the Legislative Assembly of Delhi and are also available in various offices of Government of Delhi.

(d) Government of NCT of Delhi has reported that the Legislative Assembly passed a resolution to constitute a Judicial Inquiry Commission to identify the colonizers, builders, promoters, politicians and such officials, etc.

[Translation]

IDSMT Scheme in Madhya Pradesh

823. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities brought under Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns Scheme in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the names of such cities and the amount sanctioned for each such city; and

(c) the amount actually spent out of the sanctioned amount till March 31, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) Till March, 1996, 65